

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of **0.0221 ha** of forest land for construction of 4G Mobile Telecom Towers (**0.0149 ha**) and laying of Optical Fiber Cable (**0.0072 ha**) at **Ravindra Nagar village** (Ravindra Nagar GP) falling in Jam RF of Nirmal forest division in Nirmal District, in favour of M/s.Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Adilabad - Proposal No.(**FP/TG/OTHERS/443306/2023**) -Final (**Stage.II**) approval accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 5

Dated: 03-02-2025

Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF(HoFF),TG, Hyd., Ref.No.FC3/FC15/53/2023, FCA Section, Dated:17.10.2023.
- 2.Govt.Lr.No.4447/For.I(1)/2023, dt:21-10-2023.
- 3.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests(C), GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-Office (Regional Office, Chennai) Hyd., dt.04.12.2023.
- 4.From PCCF(HoFF),Telangana, Hyderabad Ref.No.FC3/FC15/53/2023-FCA Section, Dated:18.10.2024
- 5.Govt.Letter.No.4447/For.I(1)/2023, Dt.28.10.2024.
- 6.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests(C), GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-Office (Regional Office, Chennai) Hyd., dt.11.11.2024.
- 7.From the PCCF(HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad, Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/53/2023-FCA Section, Dt:23.12.2024.

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of **0.0221 ha** of forest land for construction of 4G Mobile Telecom Towers (**0.0149 ha**) and laying of Optical Fiber Cable (**0.0072 ha**) at **Ravindra Nagar village** (Ravindra Nagar GP) falling in Jam RF of Nirmal forest division in Nirmal District, in favour of M/s.Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Adilabad.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai, for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal(**FP/TG/OTHERS/443306/2023**)in para-1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of **0.0221 ha** of forest land for construction of 4G Mobile Telecom Towers (**0.0149 ha**) and laying of Optical Fiber Cable (**0.0072 ha**) at **Ravindra Nagar village** (Ravindra Nagar GP) falling in Jam RF of Nirmal forest division in Nirmal District, in favour of M/s.Bharat Sanchar Nigam

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Limited, Adilabad, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. General Conditons

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| 1.1 | The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged. |
| 1.2 | The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.0221 Ha. |
| 1.3 | The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal |
| 1.4 | No labour camp shall be established on the forest land |
| 1.5 | The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. |
| 1.6 | The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government. |
| 1.7 | No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused. |
| 1.8 | The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area. |
| 1.9 | The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Sub Regional Office, Hyderabad by the end of March every year. |
| 1.10 | The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project. |
| 1.11 | Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation. protection and development of forests & wildlife |
| 1.12 | Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect. |
| 1.13 | Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the machinery, labourers & staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna. |
| 1.14 | Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed consolidated guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's. |
| 1.15 | The State Government shall ensure to obtain all such necessary approval and must handed over the diverted forest area to the UA for execution of the project work only after ensuring all such clearances / approvals required for such project and RoFR certificate from the competent authority, as per the provision made under FC rules 2023. |

2.Standard Conditions:

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| 2.1 | N/A |
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3. Specific Conditions

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| 3.1 | The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and the CA area shall be uploaded on the e-Green Watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with GPS id. |
| 3.2 | The State Government shall not hand over the forest land before settlement of RoFR, fencing & demarcation diverted forest land at appropriate distance is not complete. |
| 3.3 | Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department by raising 100 nos of seedling over an degraded forest land identified at Sarangapur (w) Section, Nirmal Range of Nirmal division at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. |

6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF),
Telangana, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

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The M/s.Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Divisional Engineer, O/o the DGM,
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The PS to Hon'ble Minister(E&F)

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